

family known for its remarkable public service. At the outbreak of World War I, his grandfather, Henry Morgenthau, Sr., served as Woodrow Wilson's U.S. Ambassador to the Sublime Porte (the imperial government of the Ottoman Empire), distinguishing himself in part by his unblinking dispatches about what he described as "a campaign of race extermination" against the Armenians before the term "genocide" had been coined. His father, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., served as Treasury Secretary for eleven years under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. His brother, Robert Morgenthau, was named U.S. Attorney by President Kennedy, before entering politics as the 1962 Democratic nominee for Governor of NY, and then winning elections to be Manhattan's longest serving District Attorney. Other distinguished members of Mr. Morgenthau's family include his sister Joan Hirschhorn, his first cousin Barbara Tuchman, and his great uncles Governor Herbert Lehman and Chief Judge Irving Lehman of NY.

Mr. Morgenthau, along with his father, grandfather, brother, and sister, has distinguished himself in his dedicated support for American and International Jewry. He and his wife Ruth were named as Harvard Hillel's 2004 Tribute to Excellence Honorees. His wife served on the board of the American Jewish World Service and his brother was a founder of Manhattan's Museum of Jewish Heritage. Henry Morgenthau, Sr. led a major relief effort for the Jews in Palestine before it was Israel. Mr. Morgenthau has also been a great supporter of Armenia and her people.

At 95, Mr. Morgenthau took up poetry as "a celebration of the evening of a long life." He writes: "In these precious days I dress my private demons in these scribbles to come out from behind the shadows that have darkened my long and privileged life."

At 96, Mr. Morgenthau published his first poem, and at 99 his first solo book of poetry was published, "A Sunday in Purgatory." Pulitzer prize winning poet, Peter Balakian, wrote: "Morgenthau's poems are crisp, elegant forays into memory both personal and cultural . . . His surgical examinations of self and his unflinching stare into mortality define the unique and honest voice of this remarkable first book of poems."

A man of elegance, distinction, and sweetness, at 100 Mr. Morgenthau remains alive to the world, eager to create more.

47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE OF MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my Colleagues to join me in honoring the Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Committee of Morristown, New Jersey in my Congressional District, which this year is celebrating its 47th Anniversary.

Since 1970, the Committee has been dedicated to promoting the rich legacy of the life and works of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the involvement of the Morris County community in its annual commemorative services.

Our community owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Felicia Jameson, who has officially retired as chairwoman after 30 years of dedicated support of this event. We welcome her successor, the Reverend Dr. David A. Hollowell, and his continuing willingness to contribute.

The observance for 2017 marks the 32nd year that Dr. King's birthday will be commemorated as a national holiday. As an expression of local unity and in recognition of this important event, the Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Committee invites the Morris Clergy Council to join with the committee in sponsoring services on Monday, January 16, 2017.

This year's theme "The Dream at the Crossroads: Empower Love to Overcome," is the true embodiment of Dr. King's philosophy and teachings. From those individuals who spearheaded the initial celebration, the late Rachel Viola Jones and Dr. Jamison, the planning efforts have broadened to include members of the Morris Area Clergy Council, with representatives from all major faiths. In addition to the two founders, other volunteers who assisted in the early years included Emma L. Martin, George Dorsey, William "Jack" Harris, Reginald and Emanuelle Smith, Flora Webb, Norman Jean Matthews, Woody Huff, Elizabeth Lubar, Cecelia Dowdy, Rabbi Z. David Levy, and the Rev. Charles Marks.

The core planning committee is continuing to carry on the tradition of excellence for this great program and has grown to include many dedicated volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the Martin Luther King Observance Committee will continue, in the years ahead, to promote the cause of equality and opportunities for all people to pursue productive, fulfilling lives.

I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Observance Committee as they celebrate decades of valuable service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position for the record on roll call votes cast on January 9, 2017 and January 3, 2017.

On Roll Call Vote Number 25, on consideration of H.R. 304 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote Number 24, on consideration of H.R. 315 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote Number 3, on consideration of H. Res. 5 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "No."

IN RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR KAIRAT UMAROV

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, Ambassador Kairat Umarov of Kazakhstan has faithfully

served in Washington, D.C. for the past four years. His steady leadership and commitment to building the relationship between our two countries has resulted in stronger ties and raised the profile of Kazakhstan and President Nazarbayev in the West. As he now prepares to complete his time as Ambassador, I wish to mark the occasion by recognizing his many achievements and extending my personal thanks to him.

The United States and Kazakhstan share a strategic partnership and a shared interest in preventing nuclear proliferation. Ambassador Umarov has fostered a close working relationship between our government and the Kazakh Embassy which has been a key ingredient for many positive steps. Although he will soon depart Washington, I must mention the Ambassador's significant contributions to the EXPO 2017 event which will take place later this year in Kazakhstan.

Over the course of Ambassador Umarov's time in Washington, I can attest that he is the consummate diplomat, always gracious, even in trying circumstances. While I am sad that his term in our nation's capital has finished he leaves behind a record of improved relations, not only between governments, but between the people of Kazakhstan and the United States.

Lastly, the Ambassador will celebrate his birthday on January 12th and I wish him the very happiest of celebrations.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR. HUBERT WALSH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of Mr. Hubert "Hub" Walsh, outgoing chairman of the Merced County Board of Supervisors and longtime servant to the people of Merced. Mr. Walsh has been an eminent figure in Merced politics for many years, occupying various elected positions at the city and county levels. His unflinching drive to serve the people of Merced in all available capacities has cemented his legacy as a leader, public figure, and role model in the community.

Mr. Walsh arrived in Merced in 1967 with his mother, father, brother, and sister after spending much of his life moving from community to community due to his father's career in the Air Force. Mr. Walsh graduated from Merced High School in 1968, and moved on to attain his associate degree from Merced College in 1970. He transferred to the University of California, Berkeley shortly thereafter, and received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology in 1973. Mr. Walsh made the decision to serve his country in the United States Army after graduation, spending the greater portion of his tour of duty in Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he was able to concurrently earn a master's degree in Social Science from Pacific Lutheran University. After his service in the Army, Mr. Walsh married his college sweetheart, Rita Arzamendi, with whom he had two children, Melissa and Travis. Mr. Walsh then earned a Master's in Business Administration from California State University, Stanislaus, all the while remaining active in his church and community.